

# WØMTL - **Mark Twain Land Area News** - WØKEM

## MAY, 2008

### HARC OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT:** HOWARD BARNES, KØDFW  
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**TREASURER:** TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL  
**TRUSTEE:** CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA  
**EDITOR:** BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP

**Next Meeting: Wednesday  
 May 14<sup>th</sup>, - 2008 at 7:30 PM**

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.  
 Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

### FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2008

#### Hannibal, MO ARC 2008 Exam Dates

Wednesday, July 9, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.

They will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Cliff Ahrens KØCA at k0ca@arrl.net or 573-221-8618.

The 2008 test fee will be \$14.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

**HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

### MINUTES

By Fred Miller, KBØWIL



Date: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Location: Beth Haven Nursing Home 2500 Pleasant St. Hannibal Mo. 63401

**Meeting called to order by: Howie-KØDFW**

#### Approval of minutes in previous newsletter:

Date of previous meeting: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Motion to approve: Jack-WD9CHG

Seconded by: Mark-NØZOF



#### TREASURERS REPORT: TONY-WØPGL

Cash- \$ 1,187.76      CD-\$ 1,215.38

Total- \$ 2,403.14

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA

Seconded by: J.D.-W0AJD

### **REPEATER REPORT:**

#### **TONY-W0PGL & FRED-KB0WIL**

The 625 machine is working great; we are still planning on having a tower climber climb the tower this spring and give the antenna a good look over. The 88 machine is still chugging along with no problems.

#### **K9P SPECIAL EVENT: APRIL 24-26, 2008**

We will be setting up at Carol's-WA9EFV place of abode at the Redneck Retreat.

#### **FIELD DAY JUNE 28-29, 2008**

We will be setting up at Huckleberry Park here in Hannibal Mo. Set up time is 8:00 AM.

We are going to purchase push-up-poles at the Dayton Hamfest this year. We are planning on setting up three stations. Two phone and one CW station will be in operation. We will be using a Solar Panel of Larry-WB2UFO as well. We need operators so come on out and help set up the equipment and run one of the clubs rigs. Cliff-K0CA set up a Field Day locator with the ARRL and here is the link.

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php> Type in W0KEM and it brings up the Huckleberry Park map.

#### **CLUB BARBEQUE: AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2008**

We are having the HARC barbeque in Huckleberry Park this year. Howie-K0DFW is the head chef. The barbeque is for members and there guests only. The club will provide the meats, iced tea, and water. Everyone is to carry in Vegetables, Desserts, Breads, Cakes, etc, whatever you want to bring. We will announce the exact starting date in the next couple of meetings, last year we had it at 6:00 PM, so it will probably be in that time frame.

#### **WW2LST SPECIAL EVENT**

#### **AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>- 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2008, HANNIBAL MO.**

Chairman: J.D.-W0AJD for the LST-325 Memorial Ship. We discussed the WW2LST special event and decided on using a 1x 1 call sign. We voted and decided on (K0S). Fred-KB0WIL will take care of the request through the ARRL.

**NOTICE:** We are approved with (K0S) as our call sign for this special event.

Here is the link to ARRL NCVEC 1x1 webpage:

<http://www.ncvec.org/1x1.php>

Type in **K0S** and it will bring you to our special event.

#### **WE NEED OPERATORS!!**

Contact J.D.-W0AJD on the radio 625, or [sinclair@rallstech.com](mailto:sinclair@rallstech.com) if you wish to operate on the ship, and what times you are available. We need operators through the weekdays as well as the weekend.

We also discussed having a Certificate made, and Bonnie-WB0WAP is checking on what the postage will be to mail them out. We will discuss this in more detail at next months meeting.

#### **50/50 WON BY:**

Jack-WD9CHG won the 50/50 and donated it back to the club, thanks Jack, the club appreciates it.

#### **VE TESTING:**

Tonight we had two applicants taking the exams. VEC team consisted of: Cliff-K0CA, Ed-N0WNV and Fred-KB0WIL.

Number of members present: 20

Number of guests: 2

Total in attendance: 22

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion made by: Cliff-K0CA

Seconded by: Jack-WD9CHG

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK  
BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW  
MAY, 2008**

Spring has sprung!!!!!! The dandyloins are

up in full force!! The mushrooms are popping up everywhere, and J.D. has got his tower fixed and there isn't a "safe" frequency anywhere where he isn't going to be! He is like a kid with a new toy. That yagi antenna at the top is spinning like a top. Oral has a new HF rig in his truck and is now thinking about how to feed himself since he blew the food budget at home for the next 6 months. Hey, but it is a nice Kenwood 480 with 200 watts of power. What a mobile rig!!

K9P got off to a chilly start this time.

Wouldn't you know it? All that warm weather that we was having, and we have a major cold front come down on us just in time for K9P operations. But it didn't stop the "Tried and Tested" ops of the HARC. I saw Fred there with enough clothes on to dress 3 people but he was making the contacts in grand fashion. There was bunch of ops there all day long and they have a bunch of contacts on the log sheets. So once again, K9P survives the elements. I did see Carol turning blue, and his teeth was chattering when the sun went under Saturday afternoon, and I suggested that since the bands were going dead at that moment, that we break camp, and let Carol go into the house and set on top of the heat register and warm up! Thanks Carol and Nancy for hosting the K9P group and for feeding the ops for lunch! We couldn't have done it without you!

Hey, Field Day is next on the list. Boy, I hope we get good weather for that! I think everyone is looking forward to it. We will be running 3 stations, 2 -ssb and 1- cw and possibly a digital station on psk 31. There should be enough stations for everyone to get all the time in on them as they want. The club needs to get a computer system made up so that we can tie all 3 computers together for logging. We are in the process, shopping at Dayton, for antenna poles to set up emergency antennas wherever we need them. You want to mark this down on your calendar and get some bug spray and your equipment together and we want to make a good run at the score for our club and beat last year's score.

We will be having a club bar b que in August, and that is still in the planning stages as to what we will cook, but, I guarantee you that it will be a nice meal. So make your plans for this as well, and I hope to see you there.

Dayton Hamvention is coming up real soon, and if the good Lord is willing, Fred and I will be there! Oral is dropping out this year with an intense back surgery coming up days before the

convention. We tried to convince him to let Fred and I to put a 2 wheeler under him, and push him around the Hamvention, but I don't think he trusts us. I wouldn't know why! But that is the way he feels. Anyway everyone send a card wishing him well. I think he is scheduled for May 12 for the operation. To bad that Fred and I won't be here to "help him heal"!!!! Oh well, we will make him feel better when we get back! He will be off the morphine by then and we can have a full lasting effect on him!!!

Dayton Hamvention is May 16, 17 and 18. See you there!!!!!!

73's Howard K0DFW

### WHAT A VIEW!!!!!!



**Jack, WD9CHG - 60 ft high**

Jack made J.D. disappear – He fixed his antenna, and he is a fixation in his radio room since Sat. (THANKS JACK! WB0WAP) hee hee!

*Around the World*

## DX & Computer Horizons

**May 2008**

**by Cliff Ahrens K0CA**





Spring is here -- finally! The trees are budding, the grass is growing, and the flowers are blooming. It's a great time of year to work and play outside, except for all that grass-mowing! As I think about outdoor home-improvement projects, a better 160 meter antenna is at the top of my list. In fact, it's been on my list for several years! Will this be the year? My wife, Kim, would not classify antennas as home improvement. Maybe I can convince her it will help scare the geese away from our lawn! What do you have in store to improve your station and antennas this year? Now on to some DX news.

5B - CYPRUS. Frank DL2SWW and YL Gabi DF9TM will sign 5B/homecall from Cyprus from May 1-6. They plan to operate on 80-10 meters, CW and SSB. QSL via home calls.

FR/G - GLORIOSO. Unfortunately, the TO4G Glorioso Island operation has been postponed again. The team leader, Didier F5OGL reports that there will be construction work for several months on the island to build shelters for military personnel. The commandant of the French military and the team organizers decided it was best to do the DXpedition when the work ended. They hope to reschedule the operation at the end of September or the beginning of October. For more information on the Glorioso Island (Glorieuses - AF-011) DXpedition, check out: <http://glorieuses2008.free.fr>

HP - PANAMA. For you IOTA chasers, Tom W4JKC, will be on as HP4/W4JKC from Colon Island (NA-088) between May 5-10. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, CW and SSB. QSL via W4JKC.

YI - IRAQ. Look for Kitch WD6V to operate as YI9WV from Iraq possibly until late November this

year. QSL via NI5DX, by the Bureau or direct (w/ SASE & 1 USD/1 IRC).

ZL7 - CHATHAM ISLAND. David, ZK2CZ, plans to be active as ZL7M from May 10-11, on SSB only. QSL via VK2CZ direct.

ZS8 - MARION ISLAND. The 6th most wanted DXCC entity, Marion Island, will be activated beginning in May by Petrus, ex-3Y0E, who will be signing ZS8T. Thanks to donations from many sources, Petrus will be well-equipped to put this one on the air for the deserving. Although Petrus is now on Marion Island, he will be busy with work, and his web page <http://zs8t.net/> says he won't be on the air earlier than the end of April.

Have you uploaded your logs to ARRL's LoTW? The statistics are impressive, with more than: 167 million QSO records, 13 million QSL records, and 20 thousand users. Two hams have confirmed more than 300 DXCC entities solely on LoTW! Here's the link: <http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>.

Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column.

73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

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### **HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST**

#### **MAY 2008**

5	KBØWIL	FRED
12	WØAJD	JD
19	WØPGL	TONY
26	KØDFW	HOWARD

Thanks to all of you who do this!!

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### **WWII LST 325 SPECIAL EVENT - KØS**

This ship will be docking on the Hannibal Riverfront sometime the last of August 2008, and we are planning a special event on the ship. This will be an exciting and interesting event. Probably, once in a lifetime experience. KØS will be our special event call sign. The ship will be on the Hannibal Riverfront, August 20<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. Our operation times will be at various schedules based on the volunteer operator availability. Plans are just beginning to take place.

Below is a picture that shows how much interest it will bring to our riverfront. If you want to assist, be sure to get hold of J.D., WØAJD, 573-221-2937 or [sinclair@rallstech.com](mailto:sinclair@rallstech.com) or, on the 625 machine to get your operation time listed. The radio operation equipment will be set up by the HARC of Hannibal, MO. You can operate a few hours or possibly all day if you like. You do not have to be a member of the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club to schedule a listed time. However, you do have to be a current licensed Ham operator. You must be scheduled prior to the event to get free access to the ships radio room. There will only be 2-3 operators per shift allowed.

See the website for the story of this fantastic ship.

<http://www.lstmemoial.org/>



**This is a picture of part of their radio room**



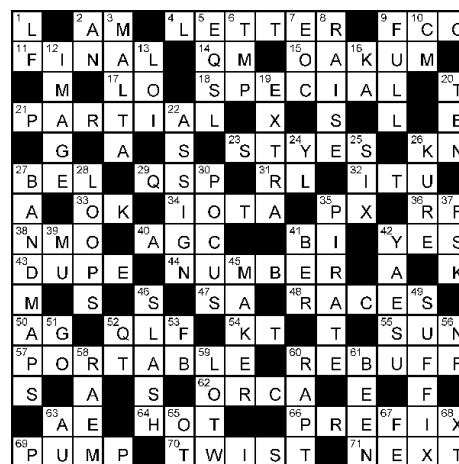
This LST (Landing Ship, Tank) is an amphibious vessel designed to land battle-ready tanks, troops and supplies directly onto enemy shores. Ships of this type proved to be enormously useful during times of war and peace both. This particular LST

was originally known as LST-325 during the Second World War, USNS LST-325 during its arctic operations in the 1950's, and later L-144 (A/G Syros) while it was in the service of the Greek Navy. It was acquired by The USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc., in 2000, and caught considerable public attention when our veteran crew brought it on a 6,500-mile journey from the Greek island of Crete to Mobile, Alabama. See more.....

<http://www.lstmemoial.org/>

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### Crossword Solution for April Newsletter



By Chris Codella, W2PA

March 14, 2008

Copied from the ARRL website.

Below is a game copied from our old 1984 issues of the HARC newsletter. Let's see if we are as smart as then!!!!!!!!!!!! Circle the words throughout.

# RAREFIED DX

EXLGUADELOUPETGJPRFPDNETIAWUKJK  
 IBCMQINDONESIARNGGRSOVIETUNION  
 MOZAMBIQUEYQTWRODARBALGABEHEHFB  
 NOISNECSAEDEKDAFNOTREPPILCHCQLC  
 UXS AZL CXMYNUKRNLXEP OOBULFTAIRIN  
 PDM MAGSNLEVLURAOEXTI AINAZNATDEE  
 HNAANIEHASAUSIUMOSIHWQTRPMETKCW  
 UAJHZUNSDRHFCHQTNR RHEIGTEXCAHHF  
 LLJAIMEVAEFMCXYRFE EAYRDSPJMVNTD  
 MGSBBNGUOJPAKISTANDMTFLUCSHAVEU  
 BNARAJAIKAYOLSOHCEZCAUAUTSPQWNN  
 NEMYRBLKBWGKZPQBNVISGCOENAJRQSD  
 YDOAAFGHANISTANPCM HILRRYJDTKBT L  
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AFGHANISTAN  
 BELGIUM  
 DENMARK  
 HONDURAS  
 LABRADOR  
 NEWFOUNDLAND  
 SAMOA  
 URUGUAY

AMSTERDAM  
 BULGARIA  
 ENGLAND  
 INDONESIA  
 LIECHTENSTEIN  
 OGASAWARA  
 SENEGAL  
 WALES

ASCENSION  
 CAMEROON  
 FRANCE  
 JAPAN  
 MALAGASY  
 PAKISTAN  
 SOVIETUNION  
 ZANZIBAR

AUSTRALIA  
 CLIPPERTON  
 GERMANY  
 JERSEY  
 MOZAMBIQUE  
 QATAR  
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